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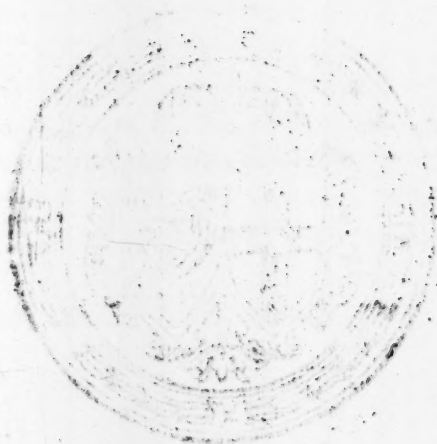
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# I R E L A N D.

*By the Commissioners of the Parliament of  
the Commonwealth of ENGLAND for  
the Affairs of IRELAND.*



He said Commissioners of Parliament having taken into Consideration, how some timely Provision may be made, towards the Pay of the Forces in the Service of the Parliament in *Ireland*, for the ensuing Year: and also how the said Forces may be provided with Forrage, without necessitating the Souldiers to leavie the same in kinde, which in former years hath occasioned much Waste and Diminution of the Stock of the Inhabitants (do find necessarie that a Monthly Assessment, towards Payment of the said Forces, be settled upon the several Counties and Precincts in *Ireland*, for one whole Year, from the first day of *November* next; And that a Monthly Sum be likewise Assessed and Levied upon every respective Precinct in *Ireland*, to be continued for Six Months from the said first day of *November* next, in lieu of, and Satisfaction for Forrage: To the end that the Inhabit-

habitants may know the Charge that falls upon them for one whole year, and that they may be freed from all irregular or arbitrarie Taxes and Demands, under pretence of Forrage or Free-Quarter. And therefore the said Commissioners, in pursuance of the Trust and Power given them by the Parliament, do hereby Order and Declare, That towards the Pay of the said Forces, the Counties, Cities, and Places within the Precinct of be charged with the Monthly Sum of

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And it is hereby further Ordered and Declared, that in lieu and Satisfaction of Forrage for the said Forces, from the said first day of *November* next, until the first day of *May* next ensuing, The said Counties, Cities, and Places within the said Precinct of be also further charged with the Monthly Sum of

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And the Commissioners of Revenue within the Precinct of or any three or more of them, are hereby Authorized and required, to Tax, Assess, and Levie the said respective Sums, upon all and singular the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Profits, Goods, and Chattels, and whatsoever within the said respective Places, and to issue out their Warrants for the due Levying and Collecting of the same, during the Time, and for the Uses aforesaid: And to cause the same to be duly paid to the Tresurer of the Publick Revenue for the time being at

who is to issue out the same for the Uses aforesaid, and to no other Use whatsoever, according to the Tenor of such Warrants, Orders, and Instructions, as He shall receive in Writing from the said Commissioners of Parliament, or from the said Commissioners of Revenue within the said Precinct, or any three or more of them, being thereunto Authorized by the said Commissioners of Parliament: And the said Commissioners of Revenue

are strictly required to cause the said Assessments to be equally laid upon all Persons within the Precinct and Places aforesaid, according to their Estates and Abilities, with respect as well to their Stocks, and other personal Estates, as to their Lands, and not to admit of any Person or Estate, real or personal, within the said Precinct, to be freed or exempted from the said Assessment, without special Order or Warrant from the said Commissioners of Parliament for the same.

And the said Commissioners of Revenue, or any two or more of them, or such as they, or any two or more of them shall appoint, are Authorized and required to hear the complaints of such persons, as shall be unequally Taxed, and upon due proof made before them, to Order Relief to the Partie grieved, according to Justice and Equity.

And for the better Management and Regulation of the said Assessment; The said Commissioners for the Revenue, or any two or more of them, are hereby Authorized and required to Nominate such and so many Persons, within the said Precinct, as they shall adjudge necessarie, to Assess and Levie the said respective Sums within the Precinct, Counties, and Places aforesaid, who are hereby Authorized and required, to cause the said Sums to be Assessed, Levied, and Collected with all possible Equalitie and Indifferencie. And in case it shall appear to the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, that the Persons so by them to be Nominated and appointed, as aforesaid, or any of them do refuse or neglect to Assess, Levie, Collect or Pay the said Monthly Assessment, or any part thereof, as abovesaid, within their respective Divisions, that then the said Commissioners of the Revenue, or any two or more of them, after due proof made thereof do cause the  
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Lands, & Estates of the Offendors to be Sequestered until such Fine be by them paid, as the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them shall judge to be proportionable to the Offence, so that the same do not exceed forty pounds for any one Offence, and to commit to Prison the Persons of the Offendors, the said Imprisonment not to exceed Twentie eight days, or until the Payment of such Money, as by their neglect or refusal, shall be in Arrear and unpaid; And the Persons that shall be appointed to Assess, and Applor the said Monthly Assessment and Forrage Money, within their respective Baronies, are hereby required to cause Duplicates to be made of the same in every respective Baronie, Written and Attested by them, containing the Name of every respective person Assessed, and the Sums Assessed upon every respective person, how much thereof in respect of Lands, and how much thereof in respect of Stock: and the same so Written, Signed and Attested, to return to the said Commissioners of Revenue to remain in their Custodie.

And it is further Ordered and Declared, That if any person shall conceal the Value or Quantitie of any part of his Estate, to the end the same may be freed and exempted from the Payment of it's due proportion of the said Assessment; the said Commissioners of Revenue are hereby Authorized and required to seiz the said Estate (so concealed or undervalued) to the Use of the Common-wealth. And that all Farmers, Tenants, and Occupiers of any Lands, that do or shall pay any Sum of Money, imposed or laid upon any Lands or other the Premises, for which any Rent or Profit is due, and ought to be paid by the said Farmer, Tenant, or Occupier to the Land-Lord, or any other Person whatsoever claiming the same: That so much of



the said Assessment as shall be paid by the Farmer, Tenant, or Occupier of Land, as abovesaid, by Virtue of this Order, for, or in respect of such Lands, and which in Equitie ought to be abated out of the said Rents, the same shall be abated out of the said Rents, and other the Profits abovesaid accordingly. And that the said Farmer, Tenant, and Occupier of the said Land is onely to bear such proportion of the said Assessments, as the Land is well worth, over and above the Rents and Profits payable as abovesaid, and in case any difference shall happen between the Land-Lord and the Tenant, or Farmer abovesaid, touching or concerning the said Assessments: The said Commissioners of the Revenue, or any two or more of them, or such as they shall appoint; shall & may & are hereby Authorized to hear and determin the same, as to Iustice shall appertain.

And it is hereby further Ordered & Declared, that all Officers and Souldiers be Aiding & Assisting in the Premises, and cause all such Sums of Money, as by Order or Warrant of the said Commissioners shall be Declared to be in Arrear and unpaid, to be duly Levied and Collected: And in regard the publick Service of the Common-wealth may receive much prejudice, if perticular Troops and other Forces should attend the Collecting or bringing in the severall Sums in Arrear, by every perticular Person within their respective Baronies: It is further Ordered, that if any person or persons within the said Precinct and Places aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to bring to the said Tresurie (at the time limited for Payment of the same) the respective Sum or Sums charged upon him or them by Virtue of this Order, that in such case, the whole Baronie, wherein such Failer of Payment shall happen, and the Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels therein shall be liable



liable thereunto: And it shall and may be lawful for the Officer, for the time being, who commands in chief within the said Precinct and Places (upon Order or Notice in Writing, given by the Commissioners of the Revenue, or any two or more of them, of such Failer and of the Sum in Arrear) to Authorize such Number of Horse or Foot, as he shall think meet to Distrain the Cattle, or other Goods of any the Inhabitants of the Barony, where such Failer shall be, and to cause the same to be sold, rendering to the person or persons Distrained upon, the Over-plus, (if any be). And in case any Loss or Damage in Horse or Arms or otherwise, shall happen to any party of Horse or Foot, or other person employed, as abovesaid, in Levying the said Arrears, they are to be fullie repaired & made good by the said Baronie, and Levied as afore said upon the Inhabitants thereof; All which Arrears, Loss & Damage, so charged and Levied upon them as afore said, shall be made good and repaired to the Inhabitants of the said Baronie Distrained upon as afore said, by the person through whose Failing or neglect, the Damage shall happen. And for that end, the Commissioners of the Revenue, or any two or more of them, are to cause the person and Estate of the person so offending, to be Sequestered, Seized and Secured, until full Satisfaction be made to the said Baronie for the Damage and Loss sustained by them, through his Default, as afore said.

And it is further Ordered, that if any the Places abovesaid shall happen to be insolent, in such sort that the Sums of Money abovesaid, Assessed upon such Baronies and Places respectively cannot be raised within the said Places: That then the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them are hereby Authorized and required to Assess

such Sum and Sums of Money, as cannot be raised as aforesaid, upon the residue of the said Places within the said Precinct, in a due and equal Proportion, and to cause the same so Assessed, to be Levied in such sort and manner as is aforesaid, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures as is aforesaid.

And upon Consideration had of the present Condition of this Nation, and of the great charge that the Inhabitants thereof are put unto, towards the Maintainance of the Armie and Forces, as aforesaid: It is hereby Ordered and Declared, that all Sums of Money hertofore Assessed and taken without Licence or Authoritie from the said Commissioners of Parliament, for Collectors, Treasurers, Agents for Baronies, Sollicitors, Agents for Counties, Cities, or Baronies, Commissioners for Applotment, Assessors, or upon other Pretences of like nature, be henceforth forborn; and that no person that liveth in the Protection of the Parliament of *England*, and hath Submitted to the Authoritie and Power of the *English* Government as the same is now constituted and appointed, and shall duly pay the Assessments aforesaid, in manner as is aforesaid, as also the Excise and Customs, and other Rents and Duties from him due and payable, according to Law, and the Acts and Ordinances of the Parliament of *England* now in Force, shall be charged, Taxed, or Enforced to pay any other Sum of Money than what is herein expressed and appointed to be Levied, under any Pretence whatsoever, by any person or persons, without special Order, Warrant, or Commission in Writing, Authorizing them so to do, from the Commander in Chief of the Armie and Forces in this Nation, or from the said Commissioners of Parliament.

And it is further Declared, that no Moneys, Goods, Corn,

Corn, Mans-meat, Horſe-meat, Cattle, or Garoons, be taken from any perſon duly paying the ſaid Aſſeſſments, Excife, Customs, and other Duties as aboveſaid, without the free and voluntarie conſent of the Owners and proprietors thereof, or by ſpecial Licence and Authoritie from the ſaid Commander in Chief, in order to the neceſſarie carrying on the War: And that the Commiſſioners of Revenue within their reſpective Precincts, do take effectual courſe for the Examining and due Enquiring after the Offences aforeſaid, and after all ſuch perſons, as do or ſhall exact or require of any of the ſaid perſons, any Money, Goods, Corn, Mans-meat, Horſe-meat, Garoons, or other Cattle, contrarie to the Tenor of this Declaration, and if the ſame be don by any Officer or private Souldier of the Armie, that then they do forthwith certifie the ſame to the Commander in Chief of that Precinct where the Offence is committed, who is to cauſe ſatisfaction to be given to the partie wronged, and further to proceed to the Punishment of the Offenders, according to the Rules and Customs of War; and in caſe ſatisfaction be not duly and without delay rendered, and the Offenders puniſhed as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Revenue are to certifie the ſaid Misdemeanors and Neglect, to the Advocate-General of the Armie, at the Head-Quarters, to the end, the ſaid perſons may be there proceeded againſt according to Juſtice: And if the ſaid Offences be committed by any other perſons, not being members of the Armie, then the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Revenue are to certifie the ſame to the Commiſſioners for Adminiſtration of Juſtice within the Precinct where the fact is committed, who are hereby Impowered to Order and Award ſatisfaction to the partie wronged, according to Juſtice and Equitie, and further to proceed to the Punish-

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ment of the Offendors, according to the Laws in such cases made and provided.

And to the end that competent Satisfaction may be given to such Persons, as shall be necessarilie employed in the Assessing, Apploring, and Collecting of the said Assessments, and in Writing fair Duplicates of the same, to be returned as aforesaid: It is further Ordered and Declared, that the said Commissioners of Revenue within their respective Precincts, shall and are hereby Authorized, to issue out their Warrants unto some fit Persons in every respective Baronie, for the due Levying and Collecting of Six pence in the Pound for every Twentie shillings, that shall be Assessed upon the said respective Baronies by Virtue of this Order; And to order the Distribution of the same, unto such Persons as shall be appointed to prepare, and Write fair the said Assessments for Collectors to Levie the same by, and to prepare and Write fair Duplicates of the same, to be returned in such Manner and Form as is before specified; and likewise unto such Persons, as shall be appointed Collectors of the said Assessments, and to such other Persons as shall be necessarilie employed in the said Service, in such proportions, and after such Manner, as the said Commissioners of Revenue shall judge to be most agreeable to Justice, and most proportionable to the respective Merits, Charge, and Pains of the Persons, that shall be so employed in the said Service.

And the said Commissioners of Revenue in every respective Precinct, are to cause this Declaration to be duely Published, To the end that all Persons Concerned may take Notice thereof.

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